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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7279**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1299

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 22, 2015

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Olthoff

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ GENERAL  
☒ DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		6,000,000	6,000,000
Net Increase (Decrease)		(6,000,000)	(6,000,000)

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- A. *Restructuring* – It repeals the Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Standards and Certification Board. It creates the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment Council (Council). It provides that the Council shall: (1) administer the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Account; (2) coordinate and monitor programs for state and federal funding concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, and family violence prevention; and (3) make recommendations to the board of trustees of the Criminal Justice Institute concerning certain grants or contracts involving sexual assault, domestic violence, and family violence prevention.
- B. *Appropriations* – It makes appropriations to the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Fund and the Sexual Assault Victim's Assistance Account.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Appropriations* – The bill appropriates a total of \$6 M in each of FY

2016 and FY 2017 from the state General Fund to the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Fund and the Sexual Assault Victim's Assistance Account. The appropriation amounts are shown in the following table.

<b>Proposed Appropriations By Fiscal Year</b>		
	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Fund	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Sexual Assault Victim's Assistance Account	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>

*Restructuring* – This bill assigns to a 14-member Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment Council the responsibility of administering the monies that are appropriated from state and federal funds for the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Fund and the Sexual Assault Victim's Assistance Account.

A maximum 10% of the appropriation for the Sexual Assault Victim's Assistance Account may be used to pay for any administrative costs associated with the sexual assault victims program.

[Statewide, there are two rape crisis centers according to the Criminal Justice Institute and 57 domestic violence centers according to the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence].

*Council Expenses* – Members of the existing Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Council are entitled by statute to receive a per diem salary and reimbursement for travel expenses. As proposed, the members would serve without compensation other than reimbursement for travel expenses. According to a Council member, the members generally did not receive a salary per diem for attending the Council meetings. The last time that the Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Standards and Certification Board met was in 2013.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Criminal Justice Institute.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Laura Berry Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Mary Allen, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Institute.

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